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Hamburg 25th April 1833.

My dear Leake.

Time slips on us, & slips from us. Today I am forty two years old. It is now four or five years since I wrote to you, and changes are continually occurring in our changing world. During this period you, & I, have apparently changed little in our persons, pursuits or prospects, but are nevertheless marching towards the close of our existence - and have seen in that time many of our friends & acquaintances arrive at the end of their journey - Poor Mr. Silvester died yesterday in consequence of cholera leaving a young family of seven - Our friend Oakden's arrival in your world will doubtless surprise you. To him I must refer for an account of much that has occurred, for the recital of which I have at present neither time nor spirit - Had you stepped into my back sitting room any time during the last month you would have found me in my library chair probably unshaved & in my morning dressing gown, table covered with newspapers, Magazines & new English publications. I am on the Committee of an English book club with a few samples of Coffee & medicine bottles, unarranged & in great disorder, one leg on a chair opposite which said leg has given me a good deal of trouble for some weeks past but is now gradually healing -

Business with me has been pretty good for the last two years
 & I have reduced my expenditure to what may be considered
 a moderate rate (about £600 a year) and at the expiration
 of this year hope that my various projects, notwithstanding
 the cuts I have had which have not been inconsiderable,
 will amount to about £20,000— You have perhaps noticed
 that my partner Mr. Teilden is member of parliament for
 Blackburn. We have established a house in London under the
 firm of Teilden Jackson Entwistle & Co. under the management
 of the latter a young man of good family, talent & principle.
 But altho we have extended our concerns in this manner I
 am seriously thinking of retiring from trade— My daughter
 is now sixteen years old & will finish her education at
 Eton next year— I do not wish her to form any permanent
 connection in Germany & can only have her here for a short
 time on a visit— I shall therefore either replace Mr E—
 in London, or cut & run altogether— She will have a large
 fortune from her maternal relations & if by a permanent
 investment in England I can have a clear thousand £ann.
 it will content me. for I have no expectation of marrying— nor
 have you any prospect of the scarlet breeches— She has been
 for the last year & half at an excellent school in London
 where all Mr. Teilden's daughters have finished their edu-
 cation— and without partiality I can say she is a clever

well educated & I hope amiable girl - I have promised
to accompany her next summer on a tour in Germany
Italy, Switzerland & France. which we shall accomplish
if nothing intervenes to prevent us.

Your island I learn is making great advances
in population & cultivation & increasing riches in yours &
our friend Thomas' prospects. - I have some idea of specu-
lating a little in land in your Colony with the objects in
view Mr Cascard will explain to you. I imagine that
good land well situated must now pay a fair interest
for money and I have no doubt as population becomes grow-
ing & capital more abundant will increase much
value. - I saw your son Arthur here last year who
has grown a fine young man, but I do not think his
uncle Mr Bell a judicious guide for youth. Remember
me kindly to Mr Leake & my friend your son Will -
the rest of your family & to Mr. Horne & Mr. L. Gilles - &
whenever you can spare me half an hour I shall be very
glad to hear from you altho from my long silence you
may think I hardly deserve a letter. But notwithstanding
this silence I can with great truth subscribe myself

Your very sincere friend

John Jackson

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 28 April 1833

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John Jackson 1833, 1836

Hamburg and London: Oakden, investment, Oakden involved with new bank for India and director of new railways, Oakden's mortgage in Tasmania, thanks for looking after August [Augustus Oakden] and copy of trust account.

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